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this talk is about:

what is Fedora?

who is Fedora?

why does Fedora matter?

how do you join the open source movement?



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fedora^f

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Influencing JBoss.org...



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Welcome to Koji Web

Recent Builds

Build 1 through 10 of 47980 >>>



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NVR	Finished ▼	State
kbibtex-0.2.1-18.fc9		
scons-0.98.3-1.fc9	2008-05-04 14:47:43	
scons-0.98.3-1.fc10	2008-05-04 14:46:21	
kbibtex-0.2.1-15.fc8	2008-05-04 14:39:26	
kdelibs-4.0.72-2.fc10	2008-05-04 13:39:45	
bugzilla-3.0.3-0.fc10	2008-05-04 13:03:34	
uniconvertor-1.1.2-2.fc10	2008-05-04 12:51:25	
uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc7	2008-05-04 12:04:15	
uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc8	2008-05-04 11:54:57	
uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc9	2008-05-04 11:43:15	

Recent Tasks

Tasks 1 through 10 of 184788 >>>

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ID	Type	Arch	Finished ▼	State
594683	build (dist-f9-updates-candidate, F-9:kbibtex-0_2_1-18_fc9)	noarch		
594660	build (dist-f8 - spicebird-0.4-1.fc8 src mm)	noarch		



Fedora 7

Pending (53)



Testing (218)



Stable (4231)



Security (329)



Fedora 8

Pending (69)



Testing (298)



Stable (2762)



Security (186)



Fedora 9

Pending (101)



Testing (0)



Stable (0)



Security (0)



Comments

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te sse ract-2.03-1.fc8	Fedora 8	pending				karlik	1 hour
uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc7	Fedora 7	pending				andriy	2 hours
uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc8	Fedora 8	pending				andriy	2 hours
uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc9	Fedora 9	pending				andriy	3 hours
python-alsa-1.0.16-1.fc9	Fedora 9	pending				andriy	3 hours

Latest Comments [\[more\]](#)

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netembryo-0.0.4-1.fc7	erer	Anonymous Tester	
	Lately F7 updates have been appearing in race many days		

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web and database servers

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/* keep everything running */

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/* make it pretty for the public */

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marketing

messaging guide

feature following

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who does all this?



you do

fedora

get an account

as easy as any social site

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do it in Fedora

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Fedora == do it

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`/* fanboys != contributors */`

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out of the chaos, innovation

we believe in upstream

we believe in the community

we believe in **YOU**



/* “if you want to try and stop me...” */

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/* release every 6 months */

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/* spin your own */

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\$YOUR_NAME, and your biography that is relevant to this event.

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What is Fedora. Who is Fedora. Why does Fedora matter.

My task is to take a step away from a standard Fedora talk and share with you why Fedora matters to an audience of developers, whose goals may be different from those of a classic Linux enthusiast.

Why does Fedora matter to you? It is a great platform for developing. OpenJDK works great under Linux because of the work of Fedora engineers. Eclipse works under Linux because of the work of Fedora engineers. For projects from GNU Classpath to gcj, you find Fedora developers at the center of the decision making and activities. All of that work finds its way in to Fedora as well as other communities.

Fedora is also about making an impact, and of all these questions, this is really the most important one. You may have answered that question for yourself already, and I'd like to add to that, too.

For the slideware part of this talk, I'll try to be as brief as possible because I'd rather you, the audience, participate with your questions. The issues that are important to you are going to guide you within the open source movement, and so they are important to me. Please ask questions.

what is Fedora?



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This is an audience that has heard of Fedora and may have used it or one of its stable forks, such as RHEL and CentOS. But if your focus is more on your languages and projects, an OS is just another kind of bicycle. It has two wheels, gears, and it can get you from here to there at varying speeds.

To make sure this talk is relevant for you, I'm going to take a few minutes covering what Fedora is, from the perspective of Fedora. It is more than just a logo in front of Yet Another Linux Distro. The logo is a symbol of a community of people united to advance the ideas and ideals of free and open source software.

Fedora has many different meanings, depending on its context. But the underlying theme is always clear: Free and legal for everyone, now and always, for you and for anyone to whom you give Fedora.

We will never violate this tenet.

We do not pass on legal encumbrances to our users or any of our community. You can give a complete copy of Fedora to anyone, at any time, no matter where in the world you live.

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It's a general-purpose computing platform, built on the Linux kernel, with an enormous selection of free and open source application software suitable for use by everyone from children to old, grizzled sysadmins.

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It's stable enough to use every day. Millions of people do.

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We host and seed some of the newest projects that offer end-user convenience, features, and whiz-bang. Experience has borne out that we typically make really good architecture decisions (SELinux, compiz, PolicyKit...) and provide underlying capabilities that are important to a wide range of audiences (developers, sysadmins, end-users, various SIGs, ...)

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One way to move a massive organism around is to divide it into a thousand parts that self-organize and move toward a common goal.

For Fedora, that common goal is the advancement of free and open source software. The method of having many projects self-govern, building strong community, and strong interactive bonds amongst other special interests ... this is the open source methodology.

Within those projects we don't just talk about what we love in Fedora, we talk about what we HATE. And how to fix it. If you've ever read fedora-devel-list, or many of the other lists, you get a direct view of opinions meeting head-on. Experience shows us, this is a great way to get some good ideas and move ahead with them. Is that always going to bring the best ideas? No, but it will often enough, and the rest is good enough to call GOLD.

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Influencing JBoss.org...



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One of the changes that came to Jboss after joining Red Hat was a new business model. Rather than selling support for the tip of development, the subscriptions are around stable and tested versions derived from an active community always focusing on features, first. Now Jboss.org is learning from Fedora, adopting parts of the community management model. The learning goes both directions. If ever we are going to see a healing of the ages between Java and Linux enthusiasts, it is going to come from these groups. That, or the next major war.

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The screenshot shows the Koji Web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs: Summary, Packages, Builds, Tasks, Tags, Build Targets, Users, Hosts, Reports, and Search. Below the navigation bar, it says "Welcome to Koji Web" and "Recent Builds". The "Recent Builds" section shows a table of builds with columns: NVR, Finished, and State. The table lists several builds, including kbitex-0.2.1-18.fc9, scons-0.98.3-1.fc9, scons-0.98.3-1.fc10, kbitex-0.2.1-15.fc8, kdelibs-4.0.72-2.fc10, bugzilla-3.0.3-0.fc10, uniconvertor-1.1.2-2.fc10, uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc7, uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc8, and uniconvertor-1.1.2-1.fc9. Below the "Recent Builds" section, there's a "Recent Tasks" section showing a table of tasks with columns: ID, Type, Arch, Finished, and State. The table lists two tasks, 594683 and 594660, both of type "build" and arch "noarch".

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infrastructure

web and database servers

account system

build systems



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infrastructure

web and database servers

account system

build systems



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public assets



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who does all this?



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Big pyramidal organization of Red Hat employees? Project Leader directing all these efforts? Oh, no.

The Fedora Project leadership's roles are to know about, talk about, and enable the many free-will contributors.

This presentation hasn't even covered the many thousands of developers of open source technology whose work goes into the Fedora distribution. Fedora, the Linux platform, is aimed at empowering those developers, and the enthusiasts who support them.

We are working to create a culture not of consumption, but of contribution. Consume less, contribute more. We love hearing about people using Fedora, but more importantly we want to encourage people to use Fedora to advance FOSS.

you do



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So the health of free and open source software depends on people like you.

You've come to this speech and you're obviously interested in what Fedora provides.

A free platform for building virtually anything. Research and analysis tools. Web applications. Unencumbered content.

get an account

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what do you like to do?



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Maybe you are a system administrator type who wants to help maintain infrastructure. You can extend your skills on world-class equipment with a world-class team.

Maybe you are a designer who wants to develop collateral for display on the web or in marketing materials for the ambassadors. You can do this with open tools at zero cost in a community of collaboration.

Maybe you just want to fix something in Fedora that has always bothered you. You can talk to the developers in the upstream community and the package maintainers in Fedora, code the solution, and coordinate an effort to push it out to an audience of millions of users. Learn how open source's culture of communication and critique produce the world's best code through teamwork.

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do it in Fedora



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Gather other community members who are interested in the same work, and you now have the power of numbers.

For Fedora 9, our KDE SIG has made Fedora the first leading Linux distribution to provide KDE 4 as a default platform for our KDE installations.

This is just one example of how our community believes in putting work behind the words, to bring truth to our motto of "The Future, First."

Fedora == do it

empower the community to take the reins
no dividing line



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Like other open distributions, we have a primary corporate sponsor – in our case, Red Hat, the world's leading open source solutions company.

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We all work under the same guidelines. We all share responsibility and the burden of work.

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That's how Fedora works – we challenge assumptions and we are never afraid to try new things.

That's why our work is usually coveted (and absorbed) by other projects – we love emphasizing muscle over marketing,

By the way, we chose an init replacement from another distribution – but we're going to actually USE it.

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stable, not steady-state

other options for long-term production

we are upstream for others



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Taking longer means we lose the ability to start pushing newer features as quickly.

Taking less time means we can't polish them as much.

We seed several long-term distributions, including Red Hat Enterprise Linux. This is another reason why Fedora is so important – as the upstream for the leading commercial Linux distribution, we are the crossroads of INNOVATION and RELEVANCE. The skills you develop on Fedora are of incredible value in a professional capacity on the RHEL platform.

For people who only want to worry about systems that are free as in free beer, we are also upstream for the CentOS community distribution, which offers only community support but a long lifecycle.

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community power

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Provide a free software electronics laboratory so students can interactively design and test components and assemblies.

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By the way – all of these ideas already exist – your imagination is the only limit for the next remix of Fedora.

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